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Coast to Coast: Labor Condemns FDR War Powers Bill

Detroit AFL and CIO Officials Hit Move as Fatal to U. S. Peace

By William Allan
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Jan. 14.—Labor leaders from the United Auto Workers, CIO, AFL and other public figures today unhesitatingly registered their disapproval of the war bill of President Roosevelt and "all out aid to Britain."

Leo Lamotte, International executive board member of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, said that the bill was "a declaration of war, as far as he could see, and that all those who want peace better get busy telling their Congressmen to vote against the bill."

"Why, it seems like only yesterday," said La-

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'Short Route to Fascism in America,' Says Minneapolis CIO Leader

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 14.—Leonard Lageman, organization director of the State Industrial Union Council here, asked to express his opinion on President Roosevelt's proposal for Congressional passage of the dictatorial "war powers" bill, said today:

"The dictatorial powers as asked of the 77th Congress of the United States by President Roosevelt are in my opinion the short route to an American Fascist Government."

Meanwhile, William Mauseth, business agent, Minnesota subdistrict of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America said:

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Philadelphia CIO Council Head Sees Plot to Foist Dictatorship on People

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Carl Bersing, newly elected president of the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council today denounced the "War Powers to the President Bill" in a statement to the Daily Worker.

Mr. Bersing declared:

"We are opposed to dictatorial powers in Europe and we are just as much opposed to the establishment of the same dictatorial powers here."

"I feel that the bill in debate," Mr. Bersing continued, "and proposed by President Roosevelt is another step in a long line of legislative acts designed to foster a dictatorship upon the Amer-

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Aimed at Fundamental Rights of Labor, Says Chicago Union Leader

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt's dictatorship bill, now facing Congress, today aroused the indignation and vigorous protests of trade union leaders here.

"Labor must oppose this bill, which would place so much power in the hands of one individual and which is a definite move toward war," declared Al Glenn, Chairman of the Chicago CIO Provisional Council.

"This bill means not only the lending and leasing of arms to Britain, but is also aimed at American labor. It would restrict the fundamental right to strike. The bill calls for the en-

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Roosevelt, Wheeler Clash on War Program Bill

FDR Makes a Personal Attack on Sen. Wheeler

Senator Repeats Charge of Effort to Send Boys to Fight Overseas

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt responded to personal abuse and insult at his press conference this afternoon of opponents of his sweeping lend-lease war plan.

The President said that any charge that he is planning to plow under American youth by involving the United States in war are dashed and "unpatriotic."

At a radio forum on Sunday night, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, one of the leaders of the anti-war group in the Senate, had declared that the President's lend-lease bill represents "the New Deal's triple A foreign policy—plow under every fourth American boy."

While obviously aiming his blast at Wheeler, the President said with a broad grin that he could not remember who had made the charge that he would plow under American youth.

Sticking to his guns, Wheeler said when he was asked for comment that he hoped the President's statement "will not intimidate the American people from expressing their opinions."

Wheeler said that he was "not unmindful that the President has said no American boy will be sent abroad."

"But I submit to the American people," he added, "that every speech the President has made since the election has taken this country one more step closer to the present foreign war."

Hitting back at the President, Wheeler said that he could think "of nothing more unpatriotic than to try to fan the passions of the American people of this country to the point that they will accept a program that sends American boys to be killed on foreign battle-fields."

Wheeler declared that the President had apparently "lost his temper" and expressed the hope that my statement will prove to be untrue and that no American boys will be plowed under because of this administration's foreign policy."

SEEN AS FORERUNNER

The President's personal attack on Wheeler was considered particularly serious as the beginning of a forerunner of a general campaign of vilification directed against all those who dare to oppose the administration's war policy.



5 Die in Factory Fire: Made from a plane high over New York, this photo shows burning Brooklyn factory where 5 workers died yesterday. Eleven others were injured, some critically.

'Defense' Plant Fire Takes 5 Lives Here

Brooklyn Workers Die in Fire, Plant Is Working for Army

By Edward McSorley

Spreading up production on a "defense" contract for 25,000 wooden foot lockers which U. S. Army contracts used to stow personal belongings cost the lives of five wood box workers at the Bennett Brothers factory, Brooklyn, yesterday when they were trapped in a room where a can of paint exploded as it was being thinned on an oil stove.

The plant was working on a 24-hour, three shift basis and was expecting another rush order for the boxes.

Victims of the explosion were burned to death in a fire which swept through the wooden frame building in which they were working and destroyed it.

Workers fled in terror from the building after having to kick down a door to get out. About 30 men were at work when the fire started and identification of the dead was impossible immediately because of the condition of the charred and seared bodies.

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VICTIM TELLS OF HORROR

Herman Zaffee, 49, 3184 Coney Island Ave., one of four workers in the Holy Family Hospital in a critical condition, told of attempting to grab a fire extinguisher, being suddenly enveloped by flames and throwing himself on the floor and crawling to safety.

Joseph Sculler, 31, 23 St. Paul's Ave., Jersey City, is also in Holy Family Hospital. Sculler told of

State 'Anti-Sabotage Bill' Aimed at Labor Unions

Senator Coughlin Sponsors Measure Identical With Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism Law; Follows Lehman Recommendation

By S. W. Gerson
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—The most far-reaching anti-labor bill in the history of New York was offered in the State Legislature today by Senator Edward J. Coughlin, Brooklyn Democrat.

It follows by five days introduction of two bills aimed at outlawing the Communist Party's introduced by Senate Minority Leader John J. Dunnigan, Bronx Democrat and Governor Lehman's request for an "anti-sabotage" law.

Going far beyond the anarchy statutes now on the State's law books, the new measure, covering "criminal syndicalism and sabotage," is identical with the notorious Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law under which two Communist leaders were recently convicted and given ten-year sentences.

The two men, Robert Woods and Alan Shaw, are out on bail pending appeal.

While Coughlin was understood to be apparently aiming at illegalizing the Communist Party, the bill would punish by ten-year sentences unionists found guilty of "jury to or destruction of real or personal property of any employer."

LEHMAN'S STAND VAGUE

Whether the Coughlin bill is part of Governor Lehman's program could not be ascertained yesterday. The Governor in his defense message to the Legislature last week recommended passage of "anti-sabotage" legislation.

Coughlin was not available for comment either at Albany or at his home, 966 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.

The Coughlin bill, which would amend the Penal Law by adding to it a new article, 67, defines criminal syndicalism in the following terms:

"Any doctrine which advocates crime, physical violence, arson,

British Admit 3 Warships Hit in Battle

Called Biggest Naval Air Fight of War by Admiralty

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP)—Three British warships, including the 6,100-ton cruiser Southampton and the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious were damaged off Sicily on Jan. 10 in the war's greatest naval battle, an Admiralty communiqué revealed tonight.

The Admiralty said the Italian-German forces lost 12 or more planes and one destroyer in the engagement in which the British 1,335-ton destroyer Gallant also was damaged by a mine or torpedo but safely made port.

The Southampton, one of the vessels which accompanied King George and Queen Elizabeth to America, and the Illustrious were damaged by German and Italian dive bombers. Casualties were suffered aboard both vessels, the Admiralty said.

British gunfire was said to have accounted for an Italian destroyer of the 638-ton Spica class, sunk presumably with all on board.

The British claimed victory in the

Start Upstate Drive Against Dunnigan Bill

Unionists, Churchmen Protest Proposed Fascist Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ROCHESTER, Jan. 14.—A growing campaign against the passage of the fascist Dunnigan bill which would outlaw minority parties has been noted here with the announcement of many protests from trade union and some civic leaders.

The Communist Party, through Ralph Simolo, its Monroe County chairman, stated its opposition to the measure in a release to the Sunday Democrat and Chronicle which appeared on Sunday.

John J. Dunnigan's bill to bar the Communist Party from the ballot in New York State would mark the end of representative government," Governor Lehman has been informed in telegrams sent by Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party, and by the Monroe County Committee of that Party," the release says.

Dunnigan, Democratic Senate leader, is indulging in a typical Nazi-Fascist measure hitting at the very basic of democratic government," the telegrams declare, according to Ralph Simolo, local Communist chairman."

BURNING UP WIRES

Citizens of Rochester are being visited and asked to speak up against this Hitler-measure, and a ready and indignant response is their answer. Telegrams are burning up the wires to Governor Lehman, the state Senators and Assemblymen.

At the SWOC convention in Chicago last summer, attention was devoted to demands from local unions for broadening of the paid-vacation and seniority clauses; reduction in working hours without corresponding pay cuts, and improvement in the operation of grievance machinery in the mills.

Some of these subjects, it was expected, may be aired in the discussions next week. About 350,000 employees, the bulk on the payrolls of U. S. Steel, work for the three companies.

Dissatisfaction with grievance

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Pay Raise To Be Asked By SWOC in New Talks

Negotiations to Be Opened With U. S. Steel, J. & L. and Crucible; Will Seek to Improve Grievance Machinery

(Pittsburgh, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Steel Workers Organizing Committee plans to reopen its labor contracts next week with U. S. Steel Corp. and two other steel firms to demand higher wages and other benefits, it was learned today.

Contract would be reopened also with Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. and the Crucible Steel Corp. Clauses in the contracts with U. S. Steel and J. & L. signed in 1938 provide that either party may reopen the contract and, if agreement is not reached within 20 days, the pact expires. Formal written notice must be given to reopen the contract, it is stipulated.

Negotiations with Crucible, intended to be scheduled for next Thursday, will be aimed at renewal of a one-year agreement which expires within a few weeks.

350,000 AFFECTED

It was not learned whether Philip Murray, CIO president and chairman of the SWOC, had given written notice, but indications were that he had not.

While neither the corporations nor the union would discuss re-opening of the contracts, spokesmen for both sides admitted that negotiations were scheduled.

Under the contract signed by the union and the American Merchant Marine Institute in January, 1940, the wage clause may be re-opened at the end of any six-month period. The clause was inserted, Curran said, because both sides recognized the sub-standard condition of seamen's wages and saw the necessity for periodic adjustment.

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Nationwide Backing for People's Convention Balked Suppression

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)
representatives of many organizations of the labor movement and the widest sections of the people.

"From the outset it had incurred the hatred of the rich and their hangers-on. Demands had been made for our suppression, for the convention was to be prevented at all costs.

"This is the measure of their fear that their privileges and vested interests will be lost and the measure also of the strength we have already developed.

"We are accused of assisting Hitler and Mussolini. This is an abominable lie.

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Hillman Joins in Attempt to Break Strike

Walkout Spreads to Four More Cities as Gov't Shakes Iron Fist

(Special to the Daily Worker)
DETROIT, Jan. 14.—The Federal government, through the office of Sidney Hillman, today ordered the United Automobile Workers, CIO, to return 5,000 strikers to shops before negotiations could begin, as the walkout at Saginaw's plant of the Eaton Manufacturing Co. spread to four other cities.

This order was announced here today through James F. Dewey, conciliator of the Department of Labor.

Declaring that he would "insist" that the plants reopen immediately, Dewey admitted that "this marks the first time such a drastic step has been taken anywhere in the country," but added that it was a "defensive measure."

"I had a three-way telephone conversation at 10 A.M. this morning with James Steelman, head of the conciliation service of the Department of Labor, and John Owens, assistant to Sidney Hillman, assistant director of the national defense commission," said Dewey, "and I was instructed at that time to get the plants opened today and I am going to do just that."

President J. R. Thoma of the UAW replied that he was ready to order all men back to work "as soon as they rehire our men at the Saginaw plant."

Thomas said that the only issue at stake is the refusal of the company to rehire men at Saginaw who took part in a strike last month, as had promised to do.

WALKOUT SPREADS

Refusal of the company to rehire the men and bargain with the UAW at the Saginaw plant precipitated a strike which today spread to four other plants at Cleveland, Detroit, Battle Creek and Marshall, Mich.

Coast to Coast

Labor Hits FDR War Power Bill

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"The move of the administration, unless labor powerfully raises its voice of protest, will lead to another 'work-or-fight' ruling with which labor was blackjacked in the last war," he said.

"This latest bill is clear proof that if the administration is desperately trying to show the people of the country into war. It is absolutely essential that labor, in order to preserve its rights and to save the peace of the country, must protest against this latest measure."

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When you couple the dictatorial powers that FDR is requesting with the fact that Knudsen, an avowed admirer of Hitler, holds the position of chairman of the Office of Production Management, then one sees fascism on the threshold of America."

Henry Murray, executive vice-president of the Twin City Civil Rights Committee, said "our belief in democracy and liberty must be translated into stopping this plan for a dictatorship. The whole procedure and theory is abhorrent to civil rights."

"Of course I am opposed to this all too fascist-like step, and I am certain that the great majority of farmer-laborites are of the same mind," was the comment made by Mrs. Mary Sutherland, secretary-treasurer of the Third District, Farmer-Labor Association, when questioned about her opinion on the newly introduced full-powers to the President bill.

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The CIO Union Council president said he feels this bill will involve the United States in active combat in the present war. He stressed the fact that neither he nor his organization was opposed to the true defense of the United States but

that, "we are unalterably opposed to this drift to war."

Mr. Bersing told this reporter, "the organized labor movement will answer Mr. Roosevelt's dictatorship bill by mass organizational drive of the unorganized in Philadelphia for the true defense of America."

Detroit AFL and CIO Officials Hit Move as Fatal to U. S. Peace

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"The President wants to declare war, without even taking the issue to the people. Have we nothing to say on such issues? I think we have and we will among the wives and women folk of the auto workers. At present we are conducting a city-wide struggle against profiteering, high rents, raises in the cost of living; now that this it's all out for those who exploit the people."

Walter Nelson, well-known liberal attorney who represented the Communist Party in its recent ballot cases in the 1940 elections, had this to say:

"Why the American people should do anything for Britain, the chief aim of which is the ruthless exploitation of colonial peoples, is beyond me."

"What we might, and must, do is to do a great deal for the British people, that attempt to get rid of their Tory rulers."

NOT AIMED AT CAUSE

All this talk of getting rid of Hitler and Mussolini, Nelson said, is talking about just two persons without getting rid of Hitlerism and Mussoliniism and what breeds it.

"When the President is ready," said Nelson, "to help the Spanish Republicans, to embargo all war materials to Japan, to send unlimited aid to the Chinese people and cooperate with the Soviet Union, the people will know what he means by wholehearted cooperation with his plans."

Nat Ganley, business agent of UAW-CIO Local 155, said:

"We already have a war economy and a government policy 'short of a declaration of war.' Now along comes the President's so-called 'aid to Britain bill.' This bill would empower Roosevelt to give us that final shove into the present imperialist war which is now being staged by 'Millionaire's Mass Murder, Inc.' The bill is a Roosevelt slip 'in the teeth' to the CIO anti-war policy."

"I urge all trade unionists, CIO and AFL, to demand from their Congressmen that they will vote against this vicious warmongering measure," Edelen concluded.

Jack Mahoney, business agent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (AFL), when asked about the President's "aid to Britain" said, "plain and simple going into war, with all the suffering for the working people, who must be made to understand that defense means not aid to the men of Munich but taking care of the one-third ill-housed, ill-clad and ill-fed. Defeat it by all means."

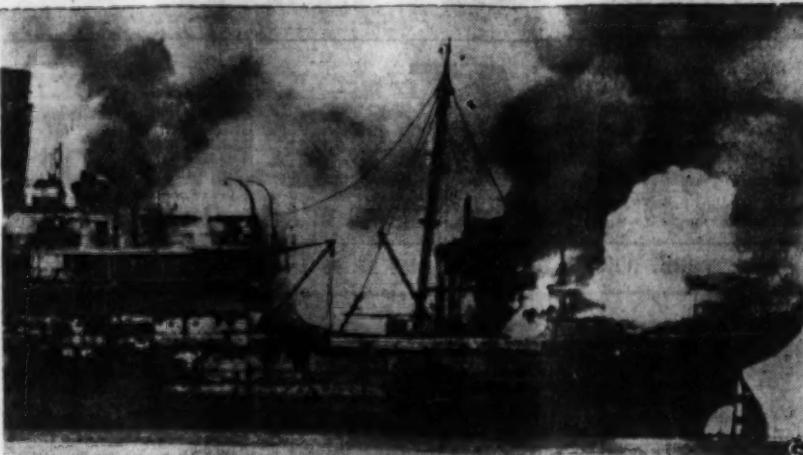
DECEIVED VOTERS

Mary Pulver, business agent of Carpenters' Local 2265, AFL, declared:

"He is a warmonger and the American people must be told, why did he not say these things when running for re-election, but that would have let the people know, and in this kind of a game, you don't let the people know."

"You can say for me, that unless the people make their voice heard demanding we want no war, then we are in it."

Mary Guy, treasurer of the District Council of the Women's Auxiliary of Detroit, has close to 1,000 women organized in the nationally known women's auxiliary, was emphatic in declaring that "women who work either in the shop or in the kitchen, must be made to move on this emergency issue."



British Munitions Ship Burns Off Australia: A mysterious fire consumes the 5,826-ton Or-
mond after ammunition in the stern of the ship exploded. The ship, aground on a reef near Berwon
heads, Victoria, Australia, since last November, was to have been salvaged two days before the explosion
set fire to the vessel loaded with munitions for Britain.

Citrine Tells Labor Here to 'Sacrifice'

British Propagandist Meets with San Francisco AFL Officials, Evades Pointed Queries; Attempts to Condone Treatment of British Labor

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—In a chatty, chummy way, Sir Walter Citrine, British propagandist and Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, endeavored to convince a secret meeting of AFL officials here yesterday that labor has lost

nothing by the war.

Coast LNPL Leader Flays Arms Lease

PUTS IN 'MIDDLE OF WAR,' Declares Maritime Union Officer

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 14.—"President Roosevelt's loan-lease bill is economic and political suicide

bill places us squarely in the middle of the war," was the reaction of Acting Secretary E. E. Ward of Labor's Non-Partisan League of California today.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific is on record against transfer of American ships to England and appropriate action on the loan-lease bill will be taken at the organization's coastwise executive board meeting Saturday," announced Jay Sauer, coastwise secretary-treasurer of the Federation.

Turks Say Rumanian Seacoast Is Mined

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP).—A broadcast of Radio Ankara (Turkey) heard here today said the Rumanian navy ministry had announced that Rumanian coastal waters were a danger zone.

The broadcast quoted the navy ministry as saying all ships seeking to approach Rumanian waters and harbors must notify harbor authorities at Constanta, implying that the waters have been mined.

Dies in Plunge

While hanging the wash at the window of her fifth floor apartment at 402 E. Eighth St., Mrs. Bessie Schmetterling, 55, lost her balance and plunged to her death at 10:34 A. M. yesterday.

"It is not the case," said Citrine.

Costa Rica C.P. Demands Prestes Be Released

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 14 (ICN).—The Communist Party of Costa Rica, through its general secretary, recently sent a protest against the imprisonment of Luis Carlos Prestes to Getulio Vargas, Brazilian dictator, demanding freedom for that great fighter in the interests of the Brazilian people.

To a direct question: "What are the hours of work in England?" Citrine answered:

"We have contracts limiting overtime (more than 48 hours a week) to 30 hours a month, but for the duration of the war we have relaxed this rule, that is all."

BUSINESS AGENT DIES

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APM Calls for Big 'Peace Lobby' at Capitol on Feb. 1

Call for Lobby Says Action Will Inform Warmakers 'America Is Against, Not Behind Them'

The American Peace Mobilization yesterday issued a formal call for the first large-scale Peace Lobby to convene in Washington over the week-end of Feb. 1. The purpose of the lobby, according to the Call, "will let the warmakers know that America is against, not behind them."

The Call is embodied in a letter sent out by Dr. Walter Scott Neff, executive secretary of the New York Council of the APM, to trade union, church, fraternal and community groups in the city. A similar call was sent out by the national office of the APM to all principal cities of the eastern seaboard. Several hundred delegations are expected to attend the lobby, and special trains and automobiles are being arranged to transport them there.

HIT DICTATOR BILL

The main target of the lobby will be the War Powers bill, the call indicated.

The Peace Lobby was enthusiastically endorsed by simultaneous meetings of the APM Community Councils in N. Y. and the Women's Division of APM last Saturday afternoon.

This is the third time Washington will play host to an APM-sponsored peace delegation. The last one was on Jan. 3-4 when about eighty delegates from N. Y. were received by Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

Special low cost train fares and housing accommodations are being arranged by APM. Delegates can make all arrangements by getting in touch with APM, N. Y. Council headquarters at 381 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C., MU 6-9157.

EMERGENCY PARLEY CALLED IN BROOKLYN

Delegates representing trade unions, youth, civic and fraternal organizations will attend an emergency conference at Hotel St. George in Brooklyn today, called by Brooklyn Division of the American Peace Mobilization.

The call for the meeting cites the "unprecedented campaign" of the past few weeks to plunge America into the war, and the parallel drive against trade union rights and living standards of the people.

The call, issued before the opening of President Roosevelt's War Powers Bill were known and before the present session of the state legislature opened at Albany was prophetic. It predicted, "in the coming month we will see a flood of pro-war and anti-labor legislation."

Last night conferences were still on.

Nell Brant, New Jersey Regional Director of the Union, and Andrew Chuck, president of the local were spokesmen for the strikers.

At Bayonne, meanwhile, the plant making machinery for the Navy was still shut and regular picketing conducted by the strikers.

Rhode Island Weavers End Mill Walkout

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 14.—A week-old strike of 450 CIO weavers in the Atlantic Mills of the A. D. Juilliard Company was settled yesterday when the weavers voted to resume work under the terms of an agreement reached between Anne Weinstein, federal conciliator, and John D. Strain, labor council for the Juilliard chain of mills.

The strike began last Monday over a weavers' demand for adjustments in wages which they claimed were extraordinarily low due to a run of bad work.

The weavers claimed the piece rates were supposed to be set to allow earnings of \$31.77 for a 40-hour week. Because of the bad work they claimed that earnings fell to \$23 and \$24 per week and in some cases even lower.

The terms of the agreement ending the strike called for the management to make the necessary adjustments in the weavers' pay so that the earnings for a full week shall be \$31.77.

Germans Order Jews In Holland Registered

THE HAGUE, Jan. 14 (UP)—Arthur Seyss-Inquart, German governor of the Netherlands, ordered that all Jews and persons of part Jewish ancestry be registered throughout Holland within the next four weeks.

SOLGREEN'S LUNCHROOMETTE 856 Broadway—Det. 13th & 14th Sts. STOP IN FOR A SNACK Before and After Workers School MELGREEN'S DAIRY RESTAURANT 825 Broadway—Det. 13th & 14th Sts.

LEMAN BROS. UNION STATIONERS and PRINTERS 37 E. 14th St. ALgonquin 4-3856-7-8 WEST 15th St. ALgonquin 4-7823



\$10,000,000 Liner Trapped by Sand: Here is a view from the beach of the \$10,000,000 luxury liner Manhattan hard aground on a sandbar off West Palm Beach, Fla., despite efforts to pull her free. U. S. Line officials had the 199 passengers taken ashore, and oil and water were pumped from the ship in an effort to lighten her. She was enroute from New York to California when she went aground only 250 yards from shore.

Militants Win in Food Joint Board Election

Red-Baiters Led by Social Democrats Walk Out When Vote Runs Overwhelmingly Against Them; Kramberg President

Militant progressives won the leadership in the New York Joint Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, AFL, with the impressive majority of delegates from locals with a membership of nearly 35,000 against delegates of locals with a membership of 7,300.

This was revealed after Monday's turbulent election meeting at which leaders of the Social Democratic opposition, on meeting defeat, walked out.

The election reflected the progressive sweep in the unions of the catering industries with recent victories in several of the larger locals.

Sam Kramberg, secretary-treasurer of Cafeteria Local 302, was elected president of the Joint Board, replacing Sam Friedman, of Local 1 Walters and Waitresses. Kramberg was the main target of the red-baiters in the election of Local 302 recently.

The officers were installed by former Joint Board President Kronin.

FULL REPORT MADE

The Joint Board voted to send a full report of the election to International President Edward Flory at Buffalo.

The bolting group, for want of a platform from which to direct red-baiting attacks upon the newly elected officials, shifted to a meeting of the Hebrew Trades then in progress, where instead of technical excuses, they delivered tirades against "Communists" who they say "seized control." They immediately won the sympathy of Morris Feinstein, the executive secretary of the Hebrew Trades, who promised support in their appeal to Flory.

Newly elected leaders of the Joint Board pointed out that even had delegates objected by the opposition not voting, the result would have been the same. They said that the "appeal" is so groundless that it was obviously conceived as an excuse upon which to set off the red-baiting campaign.

Senate Refuses Seat to Either W. Va. Claimant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP)—The Senate declined to seat either of the two contestants for West Virginia's vacant Senate seat to day after Chairman Tom Connally of the Privileges and Elections Committee said that the controversy presented "quite a question of constitutional law."

The State's new Governor Matthew Neely has appointed Joseph Rosier to the seat, which Neely himself vacated to become Governor. Retiring Governor Homer A. Holt named Clarence E. Martin. All concerned are Democrats, but of different factions.

Connally told the Senate it would be unwise to seat either appointed until the legal tangle had been settled.

The clique of red-baiters under Friedman's leadership at first sought to postpone the election by raising technicalities. They objected to delegates of the Chinese local and of Dining Car Employees, Local 370, being seated. When the question finally came to a vote the opposition lost by a vote of 26 to 14.

Friedman, thereupon, announced that he is leaving the joint board.

The two other delegates of Local 1 refused to follow their "sore-head" president, and stayed to participate in the meeting.

A total of 13 delegates walked out, it was learned. They were from Local 15 Bartenders, Local 254 Soda Dispensers and 368, Harlan Bartenders. These three locals have lost their autonomous right to elect delegates so that their delegates and officers are appointees of International Representative Miguel Gariga, which explains their action.

The remaining local that walked out was Local 12.

Phil. Guild Factions Clash, Union Is Weakened on Eve of Bargaining

(Special to the Daily Worker) PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Front page newspaper accounts of last Sunday's general membership meeting of the Philadelphia Newspaper Guild, gloating over the clash of two red-baiting factions within the local union carry a grim lesson to unionists of the results of an internal condition through which nobody profits but the employers.

The two cliques, one headed by the outgoing local president, Leeland Ross of the Inquirer, and the other by Max Ways of the Record—both deeply involved for a long time in red-baiting and witch-hunting—have turned on each other with the same charges.

The Ross group dragged out the charge that several members of the Ways group, including Arthur Riordan of the Record, had for a short time in 1937 been members of the Communist Party.

With this "information" they threatened Riordan, candidate for President of the local Guild to succeed Ross, with exposure unless he withdrew his candidacy. This Riordan did, but later reconsidered and decided to run. The

membership meeting was called and lasted five hours.

From the published accounts, intense antagonisms were revealed which seriously weaken the local Guild by drawing attention away from the Guild's fight for better working conditions.

In the final stages of the meeting a red-baiting resolution was adopted which "absolved" Riordan of the charge of being tainted with "Communism" and condemned the Ross faction.

A glimpse into the deeper causes of the controversy is shown by the fact that the meeting was supposed to have been an executive session, with nothing for publication except with the consent of the Guild.

However, both the Inquirer and the Philadelphia Record published long and controversial stories on the meeting, proving that reporters for both, members of the red-baiting factions, had broken the confidence of their union. One phase of the situation which crept into the stories was a competitive controversy between the publishers of both papers, and the implication was plain that the real "aint" in the local

gives evidence of growing disgust with the tactics of both factions, and of a realization of the dangers that confront the Guild if the Red-baiting is allowed to run its course.

CIO Engineers Picket Shell For Contract

'White Collar' Workers Fight Dodge of Oil Firm to Stall

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—"Shell Come Out of Your Shell and Meet the Union!" screamed placards carried by several score pickets today in front of the Shell Oil Company Building at 100 Bush St. here.

Marching up and down the busy sidewalk on two sides of the tall building, during the noon hour, members of the CIO Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians soon drew sizable crowds of appreciative office workers from the "white collar" belt.

Signs read:

"Golden Shell Pays Poor Wages."

"Super-Shell is Super-Unfair."

"Royal Dutch Shell in Dutch with American Workers."

"American Labor Don't Want to Live in Shell Holes."

"British Firm Wars on American Labor."

"Shell Makes High Profits and Low Wages."

"Shell Prefers to Pay Anti-Labor Lawyers Rather Than Its Own Employees."

"CIO Will Mean Job Security and Higher Wages."

Paul Plinsky, FAECT district president, was on the picket line which represented employees of Shell Laboratories.

"They have incorporated the laboratories as a separate company, and so claim it is not in interstate trade," Plinsky explained. "Shell officials notified their lawyers they will never voluntarily recognize our union. They have refused to consent to a National Labor Relations Board election. Now they won't talk to us at all."

Akron 'Daily' Office Starts 2nd Radio Series

The second in a series of thirteen talks by the Akron office of the Daily Worker will be broadcast tonight over Station WJW, Akron outlet of the Mutual Broadcasting System, at 8:45 P. M.

Commencing with tonight's broadcast these talks will be heard the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8:45 P. M.

Tonight's talk will deal primarily with a review of the People's Convention in England.

1,600 Miners Return Pending Negotiations

FREDERICKSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14 (PP)—A three-day strike of 1,600 miners for improved safety conditions at two mines of the Republic Steel Corp. ended yesterday, pending further negotiations.

The strikers returned to work at the request of officials of the United Mine Workers (CIO), who said the strike was in violation of existing contracts.

In addition, the union asked that the Board promote all those people who have been recommended by their departments; that it obey the mandate of the court to follow the legal salary schedules filed in Albany; that it take steps to grant an annual salary to all persons doing full time work and that it proceed immediately to place the Evening Session on a more satisfactory budgetary basis.

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20,000 at Garden Rally Condemned Dunnigan Bill to Suppress Communist Party; Text of Resolution Adopted

Condemning State Senator John J. Dunnigan as the stooge of the Roosevelt-Lehman-Flynn machine, 20,000 persons at the Lenin Memorial rally of the Communist Party in Madison Square Garden Monday night unanimously passed a resolution calling for defeat of his unconstitutional bill that would outlaw the Communist Party.

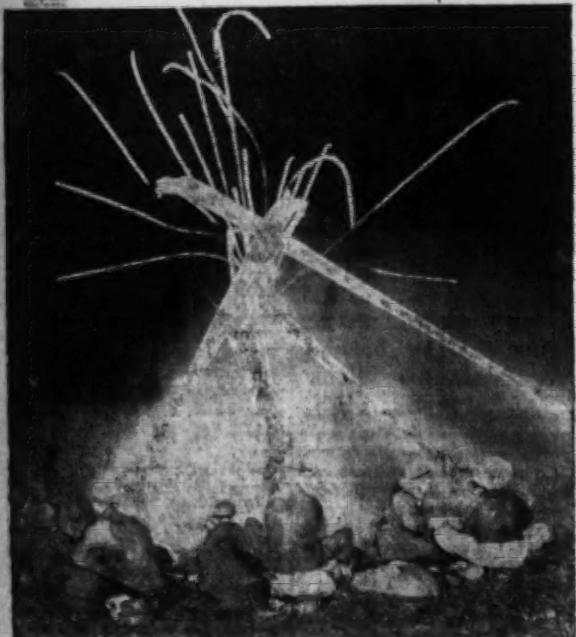
The resolution says:

"We, 20,000 citizens of New York in mass meeting assembled, condemn the sinister attack upon the democratic rights of the people

embodied in the unconstitutional and anti-American Dunnigan bills to deny the ballot to the Communist Party. These bills would destroy the sacred right of American citizens to vote for candidates of their own choosing. We further pledge to rally the entire labor and progressive movement of our city and state to defeat this attack against democratic liberties by the Roosevelt-Lehman-Flynn machine, and its stooge in the New York Senate, John J. Dunnigan.

"The history of Germany, France and every other nation which has

succumbed to fascism teaches us that attacks against the Communist Party, vanguard of the people's fight for peace, jobs and freedom, are merely the forerunner to an "all-out" onslaught against the whole labor and progressive movement, as witness the Rapp-Coudert witch-hunting committee. We call for the defeat of the Dunnigan Bill and all anti-labor legislation, and refusal of further funds for the Rapp-Coudert anti-labor committee."



Pattern of War on U. S. Skies: Members of a machine gun crew of the Eighth Marines shoot tracer bullets during night firing practice on range at Camp Elliott, San Diego.

State 'Anti-Sabotage' Bill Aimed at Labor Unions

Senator Coughlin Sponsors Measure Identical With Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism Law; Follows Lehman Recommendation

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destruction of property, sabotage or other unlawful acts or methods; as means of accomplishing or effecting industrial or political ends, or as a means of affecting industrial or political revolution, or for profit, is deemed criminal syndicalism."

Sabotage is thus defined—and it is this section which union servers immediately found ominous:

DEFINES "SABOTAGE"

"Any malicious, felonious intentional or unlawful damage, injury to or destruction of real or personal property of any employer or owner by his or her employee or employees, or any employer or employees or by any person or persons at their own instance, or at the instance, request of instigation of such employees, employers or any other person is deemed sabotage."

Having defined criminal syndicalism and sabotage, the bill goes on to make a crime "advocating or teaching" any of the prescribed doctrines or method "by word of mouth or writing."

Of particular interest to publishers and newspaper men at Capitol Hill was the section of the bill making punishable any one who prints, publishes, edits, issues or knowingly circulates, sells, distributes, or publicly displays any books, pamphlets, paper, handbill, poster, document or written or printed matter in any form whatsoever containing the prescribed doctrines.

WOULD BAN MEETINGS

A section of the Coughlin bill would make it a misdemeanor, punishable by a year's imprisonment or \$500 fine, the renting of "any place, building, room or rooms, or structure" to any of persons preaching the forbidden doctrines.

How much more sweeping is the Coughlin bill than the existing criminal anarchy law, Article 14 of the Penal Code, was seen by reference to the language of the existing statute.

The present law defines criminal anarchy as "the doctrine that organized government should be overthrown by force or violence, or by assassination of the executive head or of any of the executive officials of government." It contains no reference to so-called industrial sabotage.

The present statute also is considerably more liberal in its attitude towards publishers of so-called prescribed doctrines.

Reaction of trade union legislative representatives was swift. Practically all agreed that the bill, if enacted, could easily become a weapon against unions and strike movements in particular.

SEE FRAME-UPS

"Why, it would be a cinch to frame up a strike leader by charging he told union men to destroy machinery," one unionist told your correspondent.

"Every time strikers quit a

British Admit 3 Warships Hit in Battle

Called Biggest Naval Air Fight of War by Admiralty

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engagement, asserting that the Indo-German attack failed in its purpose, which was to destroy a large and important convoy of war materials for Greece being escorted by a strong British naval contingent.

"The convoy . . . was carried out according to plan," the Admiralty said.

The Southampton, completed in 1936, carried 700 officers and men. The Illustrious, Britain's newest aircraft carrier, was completed in 1939 just before the war broke out. Her complement is 1,800 officers and men.

British planes from the Illustrious were credited with the recent damaging raid on the Italian main base in Taranto harbor.

The Gallant, completed in 1933, carried 145 officers and men. Of the destroyers of her class, eight out of 16 have been sunk or put out of action.

This was the Southampton's second taste of German bombs. The ship was hit but not damaged badly off the Scottish coast on Aug. 16, 1939.

ITALIAN FUGITIVE GENERAL CAUGHT

CAIRO, Jan. 14 (UP)—Gen. Francesco Argentino, 42, commander of the Second Italian Blackshirt division and the commander-in-chief at Sidi Barrani, was captured by a patrol after a British plane had spotted him and other fugitive Italian officers hiding on the shore between Bardia and Tobruk, a Royal Air Force commando said today.

The communiqué said that the officers were sighted by a Hurricane pilot, who notified a naval unit and a British motorboat took up the chase, which resulted in the capture of the party. The communiqué said the RAF still was searching for a large party of Italian generals and senior officers who were in the vanguard of Italian troops which escaped from Bardia before that base surrendered.

"Hurricanes flying low, sometimes skimming within 50 feet of the cliffs, are spotting lurking Italians who are taking refuge in caves," the communiqué said.

The RAF also reported that a lone British fighter pilot captured 150 Italian prisoners from the air while carrying out a routine patrol near Mafra Bedda.

NYU Charges Ship Lines With Wage Cut Plot

Curran Accuses Lines of Using 'Underhand' Methods

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by their proposed wage-cut, are attempting to scare the seamen into withdrawing their demand for a 25 per cent increase.

"This attempt to put over a wage cut," Curran continued, "indicates that the operators were negotiating in bad faith. During the meetings of our committees, the operators admit that they are making unprecedented profits and that seamen are underpaid."

"They are taking this underhanded method of trying to offset our demands because they realize that they have no fair basis for refusing them."

"They have recently taken the position that the increase by the seamen in July was something temporary, something added to the base pay for awhile, to be withdrawn later. There is no basis in fact for this position."

"The NYU has never negotiated a 'temporary increase.' To the seamen, there is no such thing. Any increase we get, we intend to keep."

"Seamen are still among the lowest paid workers in America. Their incomes are less than half the amounts set by the Department of Labor for a minimum health and decency budget."

SOVIET UNION TO BOOST INDUSTRIES Making Goods for Consumption

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 14 (UP)—The Soviet government and the Central Committee of the Bolshevik Party have passed a decision on the development of small scale industry working on local raw materials and producing articles of general consumption.

This decision extends the rights of local Soviets and introduces big advantages for organizing new, small enterprises belonging to local Soviets or industrial cooperatives which are exempted from taxes for two years.

Big credits will be given to small scale industry which along with the large scale state industry has to satisfy the ever growing demands of the working people of the Soviet country.

In addition, the development of local production of articles of general consumption will curtail the transportation of these articles from distant places.

Upstate Drive Against Dunnigan Bill Grows

Unionists, Churchmen Enter Protests Against Fascist-Like Measure Aimed at Minority Parties

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voters. Step toward destruction of American democracy. I expect you to defend American right of self-expression and not to destroy it."

Similar messages have been sent by a member of the faculty of the University of Rochester, a physician, trade unionists, Communists and other people of the community.

Five thousand leaflets explaining that this measure means to the curtailment of civil and political liberties are being distributed as well as 500 copies of the Sunday Worker.

KINGS WORKERS IN PROTEST

Governor Lehman was urged in a telegram of 36 workers of the Kings

Electrical Plating Company to halt the passage of the Dunnigan bill by the state legislature. The workers discussed the bill during their lunch hour and named a committee to draw up and send the wire.

It states:

"We active trade unionists view with alarm the introduction of the Dunnigan Bill in the Senate. We believe this bill, aimed at outlawing of the minority Communist Party, is really an attack upon constitutional government. If we learn the lesson of Germany and France it is easy to see through this type of legislation as a prelude to the outlawing of trade unions. We call upon you to raise your voice in protest and veto this fascist measure if passed."

Pay Raise To Be Asked By SWOC in New Talks

Negotiations to Be Opened With U. S. Steel, J. & L. and Crucible; Will Seek to Improve Grievance Machinery

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machinery was expressed in a strike at the Pittsburgh Crucible mill in Midland, Pa., and recent "flash" strike at U. S. Steel's 100-inch mill in Homestead.

UNION TO SEEK REAVERS FROM G. M.

DETROIT, Jan. 14 (UP)—An announcement that a rise in pay will be sought for General Motors workers was made today by President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) and Walter Reuther, head of the union's GM department.

Legal minds at Capitol Hill pointed out that the section of the measure listing for punishment anyone who "knowingly circulates . . . any books" dealing with the banned doctrines could be used against the trustees of virtually every library in the state. Since hundreds of books discuss Communism, not to mention the various schools of syndicalism, every library would have to burn the offending books, no matter how conservative their authors, or place in jeopardy their staffs and directors.

Some lawyers promptly questioned the constitutionality of the measure, but all agreed that the Coughlin and the Dunnigan bills would never have been introduced were it not for the present war hysteria, intensified by Gov. Lehman's opening "defense" message to the Legislature.

MAJOR CALLS CITY 'Defense Council' In Secret Session

The first meeting of the City Defense Council, called at City Hall today by Mayor LaGuardia, will be held in secret, the Mayor announced yesterday.

The press will not be permitted to attend and report the session, the Mayor said.

Members of the Board of Estimate have been invited to attend the first meeting.

Special Election To Fill State Senate Post

Governor to Announce Date to File Vacancy Left by Kleinfeld

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Jan. 14—A special election to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation to the Supreme Court bench of State Senator Phillip M. Kleinfeld, of the Fourth Senatorial District, Brooklyn, will be held about the middle of next month, Feb. 18, it was learned here today.

The press will not be permitted to attend and report the session, the Mayor said.

A special election will also be held to find a successor to the late Assemblyman Denton Lake of Gloversville, representing Fulton and Hamilton Counties.

Dutch Vessel SOS Says Ship 'Sinking Fast'

U. S. Luxury Liner Is Still Stuck on Fla. Sandbar

(By United Press)

A cryptic radio message from the Dutch steamer Bulleiteng that she was "aground and sinking fast" was intercepted by Mackay Radio Tuesday while three storm-battered ships reached the safety of Boston harbor.

The distress call from the Bulleiteng was picked up at 10:15 A.M.

Nothing has been heard from the ship since then. The brief message gave no hint of the vessel's location nor how she ran aground.

Lloyd's register lists the vessel as of 7,073 tons out of Rotterdam.

Contrasts: Country at Peace and Nations at War

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Paris and London in the Grip of Worst Food Shortages

PARIS (via Berlin) Jan. 7 (Delayed) (UP)—Paris is enduring what is called its worst food shortage since the German siege of 1870-71.

It has become almost impossible to buy sufficient food but the "black" market flourishes, with prices ranging up to 500 per cent more than before the German occupation.

An election meeting held on the Central Square of Chernowitz was attended by 75,000 working people of the city. Forty thousand working people in Kishinev gathered in the city's Central Square where a number of speakers told of the successes achieved in Bessarabia during its liberation.

All the cities and villages where the elections are taking place were festively decorated with red flags and banners and presented a scene of joyous animation. One hundred thirty-six deputies were elected to both chambers of the Supreme organ of Soviet power.

BRUSSELS (via Berlin), Jan. 8 (Delayed) (UP)—Authorities decreed today that because of a bread shortage beer drinkers must surrender one bread ration ticket for each glass of beer.

WATCH LONDON ROADS FOR "MEAT-LEGGERS"

LONDON, Jan. 14 (UP)—Police and food control authorities cooperated today to combat an outbreak of meat-legging. Sentries were reported watching roads to intercept truck cargoes of illegally slain beef, pork and mutton on their way to London to be sold at hotels and restaurants at prices higher than those fixed.

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4—Abolition of so-called blue-ribbon juries.

5—Continuation of the State's milk advertising campaign.

6—Reduction of interest rates on bills.

Mayor Meets Union in City Truck Strike

No Progress Reported; Employees Seeking injunction

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday called off an appointment with the Greater New York Wholesale Grocers Association an employer group in the current trucking strike, but he kept an appointment with Edward Maguire, attorney for Local 138 of the Teamsters Union, which is conducting the strike.

He also talked with a representative of the state mediation board concerning the strike.

According to the schedule, the Mayor was to meet with both sides of the dispute in his office at 11 A.M.

He gave no reason for failure to meet the employers and when asked by reporters why he cancelled the engagement, replied: "If I had an answer I would have sent it out."

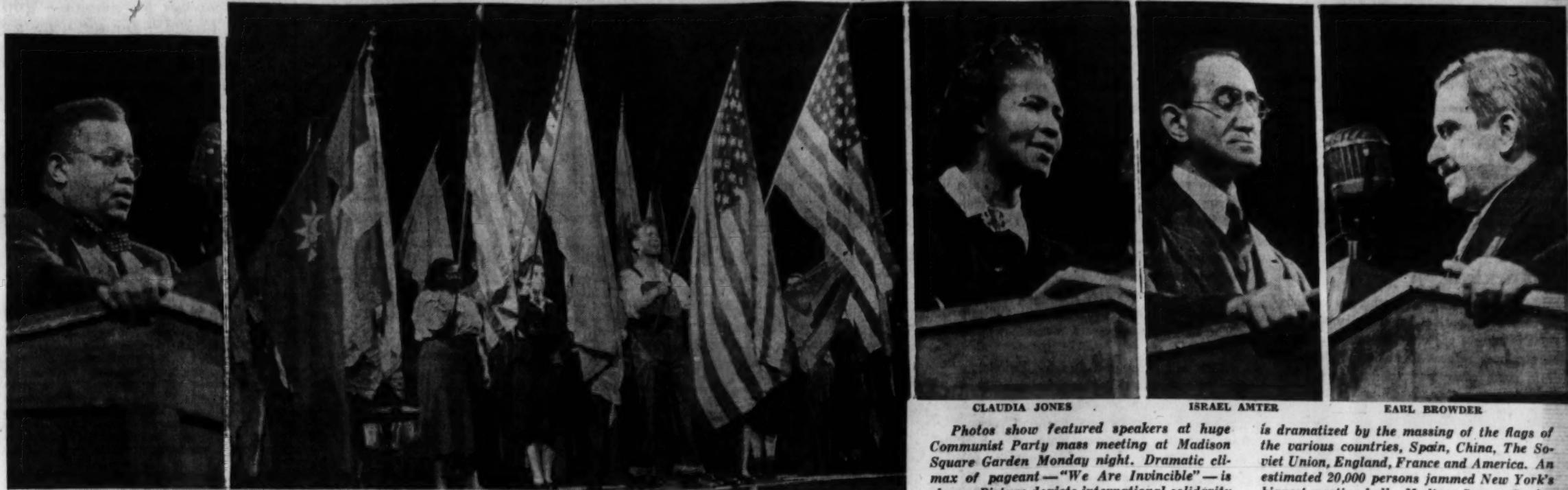
He gave no indication that progress had been made in settling the strike.

The employers are seeking an injunction against the union in Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Lehman Admits to Discrimination in 'Defense' Plants

Governor's Message to State Legislature Reflects Wide Protests Against Race Pre

20,000 Mark Lenin Anniversary at Madison Square Garden Meeting, Hear Browder Condemn Warmakers in America



CLAUDIA JONES

ISRAEL AMTER

EARL BROWDER

Photos show featured speakers at huge Communist Party mass meeting at Madison Square Garden Monday night. Dramatic climax of pageant—"We Are Invincible"—is shown. Picture depicts international solidarity of all the working people of the world and

is dramatized by the massing of the flags of the various countries, Spain, China, The Soviet Union, England, France and America. An estimated 20,000 persons jammed New York's biggest meeting hall—Madison Square Garden—to hear the leaders of the Communist Party.



William Z. Foster, a featured speaker at meeting. (At top) James W. Ford, as he addressed rally.

Browder Is People's Peace Leader, Lenin Rally Showed

10-Min. Demonstration Was Answer to Tories Who Would Jail Him

By Art Shields

Advanced workers of New York Monday night demonstrated their loyalty and love to Earl Browder, whose appeal against a term of four years in prison will be argued before the United States Supreme Court later this week.

The general secretary of the Communist Party had difficulty in quieting 20,000 followers and friends at the Lenin Memorial meeting at Madison Square Garden when his time came to speak.

The greatest audience that New York has seen this winter cheered, applauded and sang for nearly ten minutes when the workers saw Browder, as the lights went on at the close of a historical pageant.

Browder had entered the hall too inconspicuously to be seen in the semi-darkness before.

The Soviet Union received another great demonstration shortly before Browder's appearance at the Lenin Memorial. It is doubtful, indeed, if the Garden ever saw anything like it.

5,000 Books Sold

Here is what happened: Five thousand copies of the Dean of Canterbury's book—"Soviet Power"—were sold to the audience in four minutes.

William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, started the ball rolling at the close of his speech. Foster praised the Dean of Canterbury's brilliant report of the Soviet Union as a "splendid" and "thrilling" piece of writing and an overwhelming answer to the slanders of the Max Eastmans, the Hillmans, the Pelegers and other enemies of Socialism.

A new three-for-a-dollar edition of 100,000 copies was about to appear, said Foster.

An advance lot of 5,000 copies had been brought to the Garden meeting, he said, and every book was going away in a worker's pocket.

The crowd cheered, and Isidor Begun, legislative representative of the New York State Communist Party, took the speaker's stand as salesman-in-chief.

Four minutes later the 125 salesmen below had sold out the entire 5,000 at the new three-for-a-dollar rate.

The audience could have taken twice as many had the books been available.

TRIBUTE TO FORD

Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, warned of the seriousness of the government's attack on Browder.

Minor, the chairman of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, also stressed the case of William Wiener, president of the International Workers Order, whose appeal comes before the Supreme Court at the same time as Browder's.

Gifts for defense expenses and loans for the bail fund for arrest

Browder's Lenin Memorial Speech Rushed to Press

5,000 Copies of 'Soviet Power' Sold at Garden in Four Minutes

for American liberty from the days of Thomas Jefferson's struggle against the Alien and Sedition Acts to the present day.

A vivid scene showed Johnny dropping his gun in Siberia to make friends with a revolutionary Russian worker.

Monday night also the audience enjoyed Mordecai Bauman's revolutionary songs. His singing of "Red Funeral March," and other numbers were events to be remembered.

Orders should be sent to Workers Library Publishers, P.O. Box 148, Station D, New York City.

Communists are urgently needed, said Minor.

Hands in time to a great southern people's song as James W. Ford, Negro leader and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, rose to speak.

"Ford Is Our Leader, We Shall Not Be Moved," the crowd sang, fitting the words to Ford's name.

Ford sharply scored the Administration's attempt to sell the imperialist war as a war for democracy.

William Z. Foster, who was given a fine ovation, said during his speech:

"We MUST build the Daily Worker still more. The Daily Worker is the greatest spokesman of the workers."

The Daily Worker is crowded with information about the workers' struggles and the Soviet Union," he continued. "The workers must push it as never before."

HIT WAR POWERS BILL

Foster denounced the War Powers Bill, giving dictatorial powers to President Roosevelt, which the audience had also condemned in an emphatic resolution. He struck hard at the militarist alliance between the United States and Great Britain—an alliance of imperialists for war.

The workers, he said, could get peace only by taking things in their own hands.

"The American people," emphasized Foster, "must turn from this alliance with the British Empire. They must turn to friendly collaboration with the Soviet Union."

Never did Oscar Wheeler, candidate for Governor on the Communist ticket in West Virginia till his arrest and trial and 15-year sentence last year, get a bigger welcome than when Chairman Amter introduced him to the audience Monday night.

The same was true for Alan Shaw, Brooklyn College graduate, who was recently sentenced to ten years in Oklahoma under the syndicalism law.

Shaw spoke briefly, saying that the people of Oklahoma were not being intimidated by the arrest of 12 men and women under the syndicalism law and the sentencing of two to ten-year terms.

"The people are thinking that democracy begins at home, and that they must fight to keep America out of the imperialist war," he declared.

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ALAN SHAW

OSCAR WHEELER

Alan Shaw, Communist leader in Oklahoma City, whose appeal from a five-year prison sentence under Oklahoma's criminal syndicalism law, and Oscar Wheeler, West Virginia farmer, whose 15-year prison sentence for circulating Communist nominating petitions in the last elections is being appealed, are shown as they met Monday night at the Madison Square Garden rally. —Daily Worker Photos

Chinese Hail Pioneer Work of Late Dr. Bethune

Memorial on First Anniversary of His Death Brings Heartfelt Tributes; Eighth Route Army Reveres Doctor's Memory

(Special to Intercontinental News)

HONG KONG (By Mail).—The first anniversary of the death of Dr. Norman Bethune, and of the establishment of the Bethune Memorial International Peace Hospital, was held in Yenan on November 21, according to a special dispatch from the New China News Agency, appearing in Chongking papers on November 22.

First to speak was the assistant chief of the health administration department of the army, who described the two years' service of the Canadian doctor in North China. "During this time," he said, "Dr. Bethune saved many fighters of the anti-Japanese war, and cherished the true spirit of a revolutionary internationalist. He used his own blood for transfusion to save the lives of many of our fighters. He first suggested the slogan, 'Doctors, look for the patients—don't let the patients look for us!'"

He organized the first front line mobile medical units operating directly at the front.

"Now we are collecting all his works, speeches and reports, which will shortly be published so that we can study them and put into practice all that he taught us. All medical workers of the Eighth Route Army must learn the hard-working and self-sacrificing spirit of Dr. Norman Bethune."

General Chu Teh, commander of the Eighth Route Army, spoke on Dr. Bethune's work among the soldiers, which he said would never be forgotten by the fighters of the army.

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Buffalo Lenin Memorial to Hear Minor

To Be Held Sun., Jan 26, With Noted Communist as Main Speaker

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Robert Minor, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker at the Lenin Memorial rally to be held at the Haruegi-Frohsin Hall, corner of Genesee and Spring, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26, at 8 P. M., it was announced today by Frank Herron, chairman of the arrangements committee.

Mobilization of the people of Buffalo against the war preparations and the reactionary legislation being introduced in both the national and state legislatures will be the center of all the preparations for the meeting.

At no time has there been so much need to rally the people to put the heat on our local representatives in the state and national capitals with the introduction of so many anti-working-class, anti-trade union, and anti-democratic bills.

SAFEGUARD NEEDED

He pointed out, he said the key to safeguarding the rights of the trade unions and political minorities in the state of New York, with the introduction of the Dunnigan bills, will depend on how much the people update and particularly in Buffalo, will let the state senators and assemblymen know exactly how they feel on these measures and demand that they take a firm stand in opposition to them.

The program of the Lenin memorial meeting will include skits and songs of the American Revolution and the war of 1812 sung in Buffalo for the first time.

South African Anti-Fascist Is Interned

Dr. Max Joffe, Johannesburg, South Africa youth leader and anti-fascist, has been arrested and sent to the Ganspan Internment Camp by the Jan Smuts government, it was learned yesterday from the Rand Daily Mail. Johannesburg paper which arrived here by mail.

Joffe was the South African delegate to the International Youth Congress which was held at Vassar College in 1938.

According to the article in the Johannesburg paper Joffe was arrested while on a vacation with his wife and child in Durban on Nov. 18.

(at the front) a skillful general surgeon and a brilliant organizer of guerrilla "medical tactics." Bethune was always very much more than just a doctor.

"In the long view, perhaps, his eminence in his own profession will merely underline the power of the belief he had so passionately.

"He came to China a convinced internationalist, hating Japanese imperialism and the degradation and human suffering it caused in life. This was supremely true of Norman Bethune. All his great energy was concentrated towards a single goal—the success and liberation of oppressed peoples struggling for their freedom. So his work in China and the unluckily death he seems to have foreseen, though he may have foreseen it, the comparative security of the rear, where he might have worked as a specialist in a reasonably well-equipped hospital.

"He wanted to work with the Chinese people, with a real people's army. So he deliberately chose the area where the need of the communists was greatest—the guerrilla war zones of North China, remote and difficult of access, where fighting never ceased throughout the year, and medical services as we

would understand them were almost non-existent."

New Life Comes To Vilno, Old Baltic Capital

People Prepare for Free Election Where None Was Ever Held Under Polish Rule; Industry Begins to Hum and New Schools Open

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

VILNIUS, Jan. 14.—Ancient Vilnius (Vilno) is now covered with a blanket of snow and is dotted with the bare trunks of mighty oaks, with its one and only wide thoroughfare and hundreds of narrow, medieval streets, has grown younger. The capital of Soviet Lithuania presents an unusual scene of animation.

The election of deputies to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. here coincided with the moving over of government institutions from Kaunas to the liberated capital of Lithuania, with the big work of reorganizing a hundred and fifty nationalized industrial enterprises into real Soviet plants and factories.

Dozens of plants which had stood idle for many years are already operating. Every new and then out-of-date truck and modern Soviet five-ton trucks are racing along the streets carrying lathes, machines and equipment from one part of the city to the other. People here are already accustomed to seeing new powerful enterprises equipped with modern technique making their appearance every week in place of former two or three small handicraft factories.

EMPLOYMENT DOUBLES

The number of persons engaged in the city's industry has practically doubled. During the past six months over 22,000 persons received work. Every day 150-200 former unemployed persons join in creative labor. The uncertainty of the morrow no longer haunts the people who are growing confident of the near future. Your correspondent visited one of the recently opened secondary schools for adults. It is regularly attended by several hundred workers, office employees and handcraftsmen. Among them many who have been promoted to various posts—directors of enterprises, foremen, managers, etc.

When the opening of the People's University was announced in Vilnius, 4,300 persons signed up as students.

FREE ELECTIONS NOW

It seems as if the election campaign to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has accumulated all the fresh and yet untouched energy of the liberated peoples. Approximately 800 representatives of the working people of Vilnius are working in 118 ward election commissions. The army of teachers and

students.

The capital of Soviet Lithuania is energetically and joyously preparing for Jan. 12. The population of the ancient Lithuanian capital, though unofficially, is zealously vying with Kaunas for the best organization of the elections.

Household Corner

Before you buy furniture, or let anybody give you any secondhand, you should look it over pretty carefully to see that the joints are hitched together right. Because the way furniture is fastened together has a lot to do with whether or not the sofa will collapse or the leg of the tea-table fall off suddenly and spill all the tea.

If the legs and arms of a chair, for instance, are nailed fast to the seat, you will know it isn't a good chair. Even if there's a little glue as well as nails, it isn't any good. Neither a fat man nor a lively one should risk sitting in such a chair if it's more than one month old.

Furniture that is jointed with screws instead of nails in one degree better, but still not to be relied on for long wear, without wobbling.

All good furniture is really jointed together. There are two kinds of

joints in use—technically called the mortise-and-tenon joint and the dowel joint. You can get an idea of the mortise-and-tenon by fitting a finger of one hand between two adjoining knuckles of the other hand.

Furniture that is jointed with screws instead of nails in one degree better, but still not to be relied on for long wear, without wobbling.

But remember never to spend good money for furniture with no other joining but screws, nails and glue. Such furniture is sure to let you down.

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Strike-Breaking In Michigan

It seems that a new technique is being developed to deprive American labor of its right to enforce collective bargaining. When an employer refuses to abide by contracts, or in some other way tried to sweat his workers, all he has to do is to cry out "defense is endangered!"

Immediately, state troops are rushed to his aid, and Labor Department officials command the workers to return to work on pain of punishment.

Such are the reported developments in Saginaw, Michigan.

The Auto Workers Union has a contract with four factories of the Eaton Manufacturing Co., the fifth plant at Saginaw refuses to come under the signed terms of this contract. The CIO calls a strike to enforce a contract. Instantly, the Government and the press come down on the union like a ton of bricks.

The Government has the new theory that the workers "must arbitrate" and surrender their right to strike. "Defense" is used as the excuse. But if the workers do not have the right to strike, if they do not have the right to put economic pressure on the employer then they become helpless. They have no way to place their case effectively. In such a case, "arbitration" becomes just a fancy word to put over the position of the employers with the help of the Government, the militia, the Labor Board, Sidney Hillman and the rest of the anti-labor apparatus.

The peculiar thing in all this is that the employers—with their millions and their power—are considered as having full right to make war profits without any opposition whatever.

Obviously, without its economic power Labor will be driven down to coolie standards. But this is exactly what happens under the Hillman theory of "arbitration."

Right from the Horse's Mouth

American imperialists have been raising some insistent questions concerning the loose talk about this being a war for a "better social order." They know very well it isn't, but they don't like even this demagogic to spread.

Mark Sullivan, the Wall Street columnist, stated in the Herald Tribune yesterday that "... Our Congress should know just how serious is the assertion or prediction that Britain at the end of the war is to be a socialist country." Even more pained and cynical is the Wall Street Journal which declared simultaneously in an editorial that the monopolists in this country can't be aiding socialism in England because "a Socialist government is not a democratic government."

Meanwhile, the punctual lackey of British imperialism, Sir Walter Citrine, downed these fears once and for all in San Francisco the other day. Asked whether the Labor officials were negotiating for a new social order in England, he promptly replied, "It is not the case."

This comes right from the horse's mouth.

For it is none other than Citrine, and the whole bevy of Social Democrats like Bevin and Laski, who themselves are used by British imperialism primarily to create the impression that this is a war for a "better world."

This makes it as clear as day that all talk of "moving toward a better world or toward Socialism" is humbug by the Social Democrats and the phony "liberals" in order to sell the imperialist war to the workers. When the Nation and the New Republic speak of the senseless slaughter as headed toward a better order they are trying to deceive the workers into accepting sacrifices, and are attempting to beguile the whole people into entering the conflict and submitting to fascism at home.

The frankness of Sullivan and the Wall Street Journal only show what the Communists have consistently pointed out. American imperialism, in its plans for unlimited expansion, is dictating to the British ruling class the terms of its "all aid." It reveals unwittingly that it is not interested in a better world or in democracy, but in ruthlessly crushing the socialist aspirations and movements of the common people as it is trying to do here.

A Cynical Game

It was very generous of President Roosevelt to permit Congress to "work out" the war-powers bill, to use the words of Presidential Secretary Stephen Early. That, evidently, is in return for Congress's sporting favor in abdicating last September with the 50 destroyer-base deal.

Unless the people step in to stop this cynical vaudeville act, Congress will abdicate again and the war-powers measure will be law.

This bill is to put America completely into the war, and to set up a dictatorship at home. No amount of false assurances and amendment proposals can conceal that ominous fact. The amendment sham is exposed in the so-called two-year limitation proposed for the measure, which is a ruse to get the country into the slaughter now and to keep it there with fascist repression against the people.

Reactionary politicians like Taft and Vandenberg pretend they are against the bill. But Taft's proposal for a billion dollar loan to Britain shows that these demagogues too are so anxious to get us into the bloody mess that they are willing to violate the Johnson no-loan Act and the Neutrality law to do it. Effective opposition to this bill must come first from labor, which alone can rally the people and their genuine peace organizations. The war-powers bill can be defeated if the people back home will make their pressure felt immediately and fully upon Congressmen and Senators, and the President. Wire them to day!

News Item

"NAZI THOUGHTS LAID TO ROOSEVELT."—BERLIN, Tuesday, Jan. 14 (UP).—President Roosevelt "speaks along the lines of National Socialist thought" in the economic and social parts of his message to Congress, the newspaper Boersen Zeitung said editorially today.

The Goddess Sees Through The Blindfold

While hundreds of Negro and white convicts (many framed) are being done to death on the notorious Georgia chain gang, Gov. Rivers, a poll tax official, granted full pardons to Richard Galloogly and George Harsh, millionaire "thrill killers" of a drug store clerk.

J. B. McNamara, America's oldest labor prisoner and victim of the labor-hating employers, is still languishing in a California dungeon. Five of the innocent Scottsboro boys are being tortured on the Alabama chain gang. Wall Street's Howard Hopson who stole 20 million dollars from investors and consumers (the biggest individual theft in the history of the country) gets five years, when he could have gotten 85. Meanwhile, a young boy in his 'teens in Louisiana, gets three years for stealing an apple.

This is the pattern of class justice in America: one law for the rich, another for the poor. The courts and state officials are lenient with the former because they all belong to the same ruling class. They are harsh with the workers and common people in order to keep the rotten capitalist system in power.

An Example from The 'Garden' Meeting

The memorial meeting for Lenin at Madison Square Garden Monday night had, in addition to its regular features, a new arrangement which especially interested the Daily Worker. This was the organization of systematic sale of the "Daily" by more than thirty-five volunteers who stationed themselves at the doors after the meeting was over.

This is a beginning of the kind of organized promotion of the paper which we should like to see more of. This is what will bring the message of the Daily Worker to the people who need it and who are ready for it. A crusading spirit against the capitalist press, and systematic distribution of the "Daily," can do much to win new readers far and wide.

From the example of the beginning made at the Garden meeting, it should be a maxim that no meeting, whether it be one of 20,000 or of 20, should go without well-considered, planned selling of the Daily Worker from the platform itself.

WAR PARTNERS

by Gropper



Champagne Above---Starvation Below

Across the ocean from Europe comes the smell of starvation. In England, in France, in Germany, it is the same story. The rich eat and drink the finest foods, the rarest wines. Down below, among the common people children are crying for milk and bread, and not getting it.

It isn't as if there were a shortage of food as in the famines of the past. In Brazil the capitalist planters are burning coffee every month to keep prices up. In Argentina, wheat is rotting in the warehouses. In the United States, the Government pays rich farmers to reduce the supply of food; to plow under corn, wheat.

The British Government has plenty of money to buy food for the English people; but it is cutting down on all food purchases. Of course, at the best English hotels the wealthy aristocrat or well-heeled labor faker can get turkey, pheasant, lobster, and champagne. Similarly at all the good hotels in Paris, Vichy, Berlin and Rome.

"Up at the top," the rich live luxuriously in all the capitals of Europe; the boundary line between the so-called "democracies" and the fascist regimes fades into nothingness as far as the class lines between the rich and the poor are concerned.

Part of the fight to end this criminal war

is to get food to these victims of capitalist insanity. Neither the British nor the Nazi government has the slightest feeling of humanity for the plain people. Neither does the self-righteous pro-British crowd in this country.

The lives of children mean nothing to these bandits for Britain. The editor of "PM," Ralph Ingersoll, editorializes that "the way to feed the children is to make Hitler give back what he has taken and to set them free again." This is cynical rot. If the British bandits have been looting for generations, and along comes a younger bandit to muscle in does that mean that millions of working class children have to die in agony while the British and German bandits settle their division of the spoils?

No one need be frightened away from the children of Europe by the cheap insinuation that this "helps Hitler." The people cannot settle their problems by picking out one of the rival bandits to support. To claim that French children have to choke to death with hunger in order to "save democracy" debunks the whole character of the war. It proves that the rulers of the "democracies" despise the people as much as Hitler does. For decent Americans, the immediate job is to break the grip of Hunger in Europe wherever the common people are suffering.

Letters From Our Readers

Sees Hopkins Mission Not in Interest of People

Upstate, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:
 The latest move by Roosevelt in sending Harry Hopkins to England is another step that will result in sending our boys over there. Hopkins was sent over to make arrangements with the British leaders as to just how much American imperialists will get out of sending an army to Europe for a fight to the finish with the German imperialists.

What about the people of these conquered countries who have gone through so much suffering. In the event of British success will their lot be any better? No, British, American and German imperialists mean to make colonial slaves of the working people of Europe.

American imperialism is growing bolder every day and the working people must answer their every threat, otherwise the American youth will be used as cannon fodder for their greater profits.

M. P.

Apology

Editor, Daily Worker:
 I read Del's "Cartoonews" with pleasure and profit. It is as a friend that I make the following criticism.

In a recent strip Del used an item on a civil service examiner giving an exam on a subject about which he knew nothing.

The Civil Service Commission is under attack by Tammany and the press because it is a progressive, fair organization. It has the approval of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, and it has done much to reduce corruption in the civil service. The review, therefore, was altogether on the wrong side: it supported the unfair attack of the newspaper.

Please publish some kind of an apology. Many of the people on civil service I know were puzzled, to say the least.

A CIVIL SERVICE WORKER

Pay Tribute to Harry Gannes—Foe of Imperialist War

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Marxist analytical interpretations of world events by Harry Gannes exposed the fabrications of the "foreign commentators" and the basic bias of the capitalist press. We mourn the irreparable personal loss of a good comrade as well as the strategic loss of a leader in the fight against imperialist war, a sharp-shooter against the subterfuges of Social Democracy and a brilliant advocate of Socialism.

We rise in our grief and solemnly pledge to carry on his work by mastering for ourselves the principles of Marxism-Leninism, by furnishing ourselves with the tools that Harry Gannes used so effectively in his writings in the Daily Worker and using them to build our Party and to win recruits. We must study and we must teach.

BRANCH Z-2, 1ST A. D.

YCL Students Take Up a Challenge

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We, the members of the Washington Square College, N. Y. U. branch of the Y. C. L., accept the challenge issued in these columns by the Brooklyn Youth Branch of the Y. C. L. in Socialist competition in the sale of the Dean of Canterbury's book, "The Soviet Power."

Because as a student branch of the Y. C. L. we have great faith in the desire of students everywhere to learn the truth about the Soviet Union and because we believe that Hewitt Johnson breaks through the wall of slanders against the Soviet Union built up by the bourgeois press, we pledge the sale of fifty-five copies in the month of January and twenty-five each of the succeeding three months.

Owing to the pressure of other work, Louis F. Budenz will not be able to conduct his column—"100 Percent Union"—for the next two weeks. His column which appears each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, will be resumed as soon as possible.

New Zealand Toilers Fight Tory Attacks Of 'Labor' Party

(Special to Intercontinental News)

LONDON (By Mail).—The Labor Government of New Zealand, in its zealous endeavors on behalf of the bourgeoisie and its savage repression of the working class, yields first place neither to the Tory Governments of Britain, Australia and South Africa, nor to the so-called "Liberal" Government of Canada.

In September, 1939, the New Zealand Labor Party leadership instituted new regulations aimed at the militant sections of the working class. In particular were these new rules directed against the Communist Party; and in the ensuing months many Communists were arrested and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. In June, 1940, the Labor Government passed the Emergency Powers Act, giving dictatorial powers to the Cabinet.

In quick succession came conscription for overseas service (in spite of the resolution against it passed by the Labor Party Conference), the banning of the Peace and Anti-Conscription Movement, the seizure of the printing plant of the Communist People's Voice, the banning of the progressive, non-party journal, "Tomorrow," and, finally, the invitation to Adam Hamilton and Coates, bitter enemies of the working class, to enter the War Cabinet alongside the Labor leaders.

The latter step was but the logical outcome of the Labor Party's support for the imperialist war. It is a direct result of Labor's peace-time policy of class collaboration, of bolstering up the bourgeoisie of New Zealand. It is the same step as Social Democracy has taken in taking, throughout the world, namely, an open pact with the bourgeoisie for the purpose of beating down the working class.

The effect in New Zealand has been intensified repression and a rapid advance along the road to fascism. Workers are being dismissed for fighting to protect their trade union rights; civil servants are being fired for holding opinions contrary to those of the Government; and men and women are being victimized for membership in the Peace and Anti-Conscription Council. Writing in the October issue of Inside the Empire, F. M. P. tells of:

"One act of brutality which has brought home to New Zealand the closeness of fascism to them . . . (namely) the deportation of K. Bronson, a civil servant and member of the Peace and Anti-Conscription Council. There was no charge, no trial and no publicity. The Government wanted to get rid of him and proceeded to do so . . . His wife, who is expecting a baby, was told she could leave with her husband on a cargo boat for England—into the war zone on a cargo boat without a doctor!"

Every week the illegal Communist paper carries a fresh list of arrested workers: Tom Stanley, chairman of the National Committee of the Communist Party and secretary of the Auckland Laborers' Union; Ronald Hurd, of the International Brigade Rev. Stanley, organizer of the Carpenters' Union; Alec Drennan, well-known figure in the Waterside Workers' Union; Doug Mordy, delegate of the Boot Trades Union to the Auckland Trades Council; Alex Galbraith, chairman of the Wellington Committee of the Communist Party; Doug Martin, president of the Wellington Peace and Anti-Conscription Council; J. Angele, J. Langdon and J. Lawrence, all three from the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants; a Trades Council secretary, a farmer, a painter and many more.

A recent appeal issued to "moderate wing of fascism" is running true to type:

"The work of the police would be greatly assisted if citizens would cooperate in watching those persons who are distributing subversive propaganda . . . the time to communicate with them (the police) is at once—immediately someone is seen distributing pamphlets, leaflets or the like at night or in other suspicious circumstances."

WORKERS FIGHT ON

There are many indications, however, that the best elements of the working class are not allowing themselves to be stamped out by these Gestapo methods. Many factories and workshops in the big cities have carried resolutions demanding the immediate release of all the political prisoners; and miners in the Runanga district have struck in protest against the victimization of a young militant.

But the strongest expression of united working class opposition to the policies of the present Government was the storm of protest that met the anti-working class budget. This budget, particularly through its new wages tax, is a callous attempt on the part of the Fraser-Hamilton-Cotes Government to place the heavy burdens of their war upon the backs of the workers and small farmers. The wave of indignation that greeted this budget embraced the entire trade union movement of New Zealand. The key Trade Councils of Wellington and Auckland went on record against it. And the powerful Wellington branch of the Waterside Workers' Union called on the Government to limit all income to a maximum of \$500 a year.

These resolutions, while encouraging in themselves, are merely the first tremors of the gathering political earthquake. As the People's Voice stresses:

"Resolutions of protest are not enough by themselves. United action is needed to shatter the new tax proposals."

Daily it is becoming clearer to the workers of New Zealand that the Labor leadership has betrayed them. Daily are the workers turning away from the Labor bosses for alternative leadership. Many, already, have been given a new faith in ultimate victory and a new outlook by the courageous stand made in the dock by the arrested Communists and trade unionists. In true proletarian style, these workers used the dock and the courtroom as a political platform, and giving a call to the militant workers of New Zealand.

Doug Martin proudly defied his judges, declaring from the dock:

"If you send me to prison you won't convince me that the opinions I have are not true . . . By making a martyr of me you will be assisting my cause . . . If you send me to prison I shall be proud and honored to feel I am suffering for the cause of real democracy and real freedom and Socialism."

Alex Galbraith, chairman of the Wellington Committee of the Communist Party, hurled these words into the face of his oppressors:

"Democracy is being murdered in this country today, and I have no regrets for any statements I have made. I will take what is coming to me with equanimity."

New Zealand's militant working class is understanding more and more clearly every day the treachery of the Social Democrats and is learning, through bitter experience, that the Communist Party is the only party genuinely fighting for Peace and Socialism.

CONSTANT READER

*'National Defense,' War Profits,
And Censorship on Station WMCA*

By SENDER GARLIN

A SPECIAL writer in the radio section of last Sunday's New York Times made known a fact that is already painfully familiar to millions of Americans, namely, that "the national theme song is defense, and in no phase of American life is this more apparent than in radio."

The author of the article, Mr. T. R. Kennedy, Jr., added that "debates, talks—even music and drama have taken on a national preparedness slant." He estimates that between 75 and 90 per cent of what Americans listen to today is on some phase of "solidarity or defense."

Ignoring Mr. Kennedy's peculiar conception of "solidarity" and "defense," it is worth while to ponder for a moment on some of the facts he publicizes. He points out that during a recent typical week American networks carried nearly thirty talks about "national defense" by prominent speakers. And Mr. Kennedy adds that "radio program makers complain that defense is being used as an excuse to crash the studio gates by many scarcely qualified to add to the general information."

President Roosevelt would have us believe that his war measures follow an insistent demand on the part of the American people. (In the same way Hollywood producers alibi themselves out of responsibility for mediocre, anti-social films by blaming it on the "taste" of the public. Mr. Hearst discovered the same formula years ago in defending his *Yellow Press*.)

Just as President Roosevelt lyingly asserts that he is simply a humble servant in the vineyard of the Lord when he drags America into the war, so the radio networks explain that they are simply reflecting the moods of the people. And yet, a close examination of Mr. Kennedy's article in the Sunday Times reveals some vital social facts which crushingly refute these assertions.

Whether or not he is conscious of the irony of his statements is irrelevant; but Mr. Kennedy, after reporting exuberantly on the way in which radio is cooperating on the "defense" program, records the fact that present estimates indicate that military orders for radio defense material will be 50 to 1, compared with 1917. In 1917 vacuum tubes, for example, were limited in number. Today they are being turned out at the rate of 400,000 daily; about 125,000,000 annually, with more than 500 specialized types.

Explaining further the friendliness of the radio magnates to America's "defense" program is the fact that the United States army recently placed an order for more than \$7,000,000 worth of radio equipment with the Radio Corporation of America. Large government orders were also received by the General Electric Company and the Western Electric Company. The latter, we are informed, received orders from the Army, Navy and Signal Corps for more than \$30,000,000 worth of all kinds of communication equipment, "much of it in the radio category."

In view of this it is not surprising to learn that "others who are cooperating in national defense productions include such radio-set makers as Philco, Farnsworth, Stromberg-Carlson and Zenith."

Nice pickings, isn't it? Only the most stupid would withhold their blessings from a "defense" program which is so generous to the altruistic and peace-loving radio and electrical equipment monopolies!

Is it any wonder, then, that Station WMCA which broadcast a program entitled, "City Hall Reporters and the City Council" on Jan. 7th should censor the remarks of Harry Raymond, Daily Worker City Hall reporter, one of the speakers?

Raymond, in the course of his talk, discussed the coming legislative year. "Oh, there will be a difference of opinion," he said, "but only on minor and unimportant matters. The councilmen—including Democrats, Republicans, fair-weather Fusion liberals and the two right-wing Laborites—remind me of an old alderman, running for reelection, who shall remain nameless. 'Ladies and Gentlemen,' he said in his final campaign speech, 'them's my principles. If you don't like em—I can always change em!'"

Whereupon Mr. Sharkey, majority leader in the City Council, interposed with, "But you wouldn't apply that characterization to the Mayor? He never changes his principles?"

To which Raymond replied:

"He doesn't, eh? Remember how he came into the Council two years ago with a blackboard, demanding money for unemployment relief and what he called a 'social' budget. But this year he kicked schools, health and libraries in the pants, all in the name of 'national defense,' and cut the capital budget \$30,000,000. And later he slashed the six-month home relief budget \$1,000,000. In keeping with the Mayor's recent activities, I wouldn't be surprised if he came into the Council tomorrow with an armored car. Anything can happen in the Council."

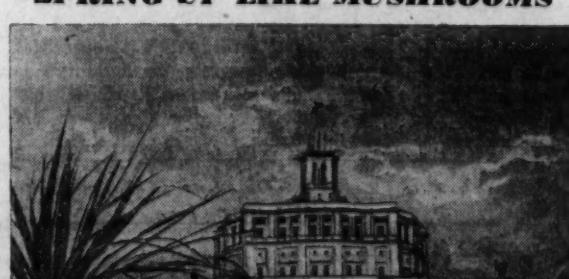
This is the paragraph which was deleted from Raymond's script three minutes before the broadcast began.

Mr. Charles Grutzner, Jr., political writer of the Brooklyn Eagle, observes in his column on Monday that WMCA not only censored some of Raymond's remarks but deleted a criticism of the Mayor from Councilman Sharkey's script. Mr. Grutzner says that "the amusing thing is that Mr. Sharkey's remark and Mr. Raymond's would have cancelled each other, because Mr. Sharkey's criticism was that Fiorello's policy was one of spending, spending, spending" and Mr. Raymond's was to the effect that Fiorello was not spending enough for schools, hospitals and relief!"

Mr. Grutzner is quite right. Moreover, when censorship gets going, it slashes out against all criticism of the powers that be—regardless of the quarter from which it comes.

Harry Raymond's factual exposé of the Mayor was deliberately cut by the censors of WMCA. It was done, we suppose, in the name of "national defense."

SPRING UP LIKE MUSHROOMS



During the last year 76 new theatres have been built in the USSR. The RSFSR alone receiving 54. The Karelo-Finnish Republic, Minsk and Tashkent also boast new theaters. The Red Army Theatre above seats 1,000 persons.

'41 Hot' Warms Vanguard on Cold Sundays

Downtown in that ancient little cellar called the Village Vanguard they're making cold Sunday afternoons very hot these winter weeks. "41 Hot" is what Robertson and Penn call their swing afternoons. Ralph Bertin, WNYC's noted jazz commentator, presides over the musicians' corner and is responsible for bringing down some of the country's finest players. Sitting in this last Sunday were three of Frankie Newton's boys, Frankie himself at the trumpet, Joe Phillips on clarinet and Lou From at the drums. Lester Young, top-notch saxophonist, recently with Count Basie, was there with his sidekick Hal West, who took over the drums now and then. Marlowe Morris, of Coleman Hawkins band, took good care of the piano and three youngsters went down by Swine Magazine to test their hand with the oldtimers also sat in: Tom Candell, guitar, George Sedola, trombone, and Alan Werner, bass. Towards evening the crowded, smoky Vanguard climbed a dozen more points on the thermometer when Dolly Armina, a perky little Negro girl took up her trumpet and J. C. Higginbotham, the best in trombonists, appeared with his horn. Jamming old numbers stretched out to twenty-minute sessions building from climax to climax with the customers standing on their chairs. If you like hot jazz you'll go big for "41 Hot." Sundays from 2 to 8 P.M. at the Village Vanguard, 178 Seventh Avenue South. M. M.

Film Notes

James Hogan, who brought to the screen the popular Bulldog Drummond series will direct the second Ellery Queen detective picture, tentatively entitled "The Three Scratches." Ralph Bellamy, Charles Grapewin, Margaret Lindsay and James Burke, who played the principal parts in "Ellery Queen, Master Detective," the first of this group of stories, will again assume these roles. The screen plays are based on the best seller novels and popular mystery yarns authored by Manfred E. Lee and Frederick Dannay. Larry Darmour is the producer.

Among the outstanding productions listed by Columbia Pictures for the forthcoming season is "And Now Goodbye," the novel written by James Hilton, author of "Lost Horizon." Brian Aherne and Joan Fontaine will be seen as a co-starring team for the first time in this elaborate production. Not only is this the first teaming of the newlyweds, but it also marks Miss Fontaine's first screen appearance since she scored her sensational success in "Rebecca." Mr. Aherne is currently starring in Columbia's "The Lady in Question," and was recently seen in "Captain Fury," and "Juarez."

Jane Withers and Jackie Cooper were borrowed from 20th Century-Fox and Paramount respectively, this week for the leading roles in Columbia's new comedy entitled "June Mad" is based on Florence Ryerson and Colin Clement's play. Shooting is scheduled to start early in February, under the direction of J. Theodore Reed.

Free movie shows will be provided for members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union by its Educational Department in a series of showings starting Thursday 6 P.M. Labor Stage Auditorium, 101 West 39th Street. One short film at each show will deal with a health problem such as the cause and cure of tuberculosis in "They Do Come Back" and the main feature film will combine both entertainment and ideas of social significance. Pabst's famous "Kameradschaft," the British documentary "Night Mail," "The River," by Pare Lorentz, and "Our Daily Bread," directed by King Vidor will be featured in that order.

Bill Matons at Club Pago Pago in New Calypso Production

Bill Matons and Company are appearing at the Club Pago-Pago, 139 E. 35th Street, beginning January 15th, in a new Calypso production, "Carnival Time in Trinidad." A well known progressive artist, Bill Matons, in addition to his concert appearances, teaches classes in Conga-rumba and Afro-Cuban dancing for theater and ballroom and modern dance for beginners and advanced. The classes are held in his studio, 119 W. 63rd Street, every evening.

Henry James Comes To Paramount Stage

Henry James brings his trumpet and orchestra to the stage of the New York Paramount for an engagement starting today. Dick Haynes will be featured in the vocals and Vito Russo on the tenor sax. The James band has recently completed a successful tour around the country and is currently recording for Columbia records.

MERVIN JULES EXHIBITS



"Museum Madonna," one of the paintings by Mervin Jules now on exhibit at the ACA Gallery, 52 West 8th St., New York.

Miles of Roses Join 'Our National Defense Effort'

By Charles Glenn

HOLLYWOOD.—One of the biggest of all "entertainment" frauds palmed off on the people of America is the annual Tournament of Roses, preceding the Rose Bowl football game. It's held in Pasadena, California, (the fascist coast hangout of General Moseley) every New Year's Day.

Some say the Tournament of Roses is breathtaking. Actually, it's a wasteful, useless perversion of one few things the people can still enjoy... the beauty of nature. Flowers in designed gardens and in the home are a lot more breathtaking than when arranged in gaudy bawdy shoddy depictions of our defense effort."

The men who think up ideas like this are the same type as those who drive California's highways, through the Redwood country and the pine forests of the Coast Route, throwing lighted cigarettes from car windows endangering lives and threatening the destruction of natural beauty. They care nothing for the naturalness of the beauty and, one suspects, very little for the people who should be able to enjoy it all.

Form and Content

The Rose Parade is as bad in political content as it is in form. Always it has been this perversion of beauty and lack of taste, the smug conceit of a small section of the American people trying to put something over in the name both of politics and "art." This year's Mantle Club is part of the plan to get what is known as a mass base for fascism here. There is no secret about its motives.

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On The Score Board

**Slipping Henry
And
Manager Meade**

By Lester Rodney

Things like that happen so gradually that it becomes strange and startling to find yourself speaking of the "slipping Henry Armstrong." And of course, for one who has followed the unprecedented career of this "greatest of all time" little fighter, and known him pretty well, it's also sad. Truth to tell, I have little appetite for writing about this fight with Zivic, for I know that no matter how far back towards his past glories the determination and courage of Armstrong will carry him this Friday night, he's going to be hit plenty by his tough foe, and his ugly cuts, which should be starting the long process of permanently healing now, will be opened again.

An unabashed and unneutral Armstrong rooter like myself would feel inclined toward cheering Henry on to a glorious finale Friday night as long as he is making the fight. But on the other hand maybe he needs another final beating to be convinced of the fact that he is through and should hang up. A conclusive defeat will take the "one more fight" ammunition away from manager Eddie Meade, who has revealed himself to be as money hungry and callous now that his meal-ticket has started downhill.

The fact that a great and honored fighter like Armstrong is fighting too long for his own good is a sad commentary on the structure of the "sport" of boxing under capitalism. The human being involved takes a back seat to the box office. Henry thinks he might be good enough yet to turn the tables. It's hard for one to be too objective about oneself, and besides there's the pride of one who was the greatest. But Meade knows how far Henry has slipped and that he has no more business in there with Zivic.

Which is a subject dealt with very sharply and well by our old friend Abe Newman, who writes:

Brother Lester:

The road of the boxing expert is as you undoubtedly know through harrowing experience fraught with agony and grief. When you go out on a limb (and go you must) to pick the winner of an important bout your average amateur critic is wont to sneer "the lucky bum he's got more luck than brains!" And when the tragic day of your "wrong pick" arrives the amateur critic loses his amateur standing with yells of professional sneer and derision.

With Armstrong-Zivic due for a second blood-letting at the Garden on Friday night the time has come in my opinion to establish you as a miracle man among fight experts by giving you the inside dope on the winner of Friday night's title battle.

The winner of Friday night's welterweight match between Armstrong and Zivic will be Henry's manager, Eddie Mead.

The boys on cauliflower row tell of some strange doings in this connection. They opine that Henry has slipped too far down the ladder to merit the confidence of Mead. To clinch the fight Eddie has been in secret training for quite some time. Down to a bare 230 pounds, he has been seen at Latonia, Pimlico, Hialeah, Santa Anita and Jamaica doing roadwork with the ponies. His eyes and brows stitched up fifteen years ago when Eddie fought with "Joe Lynch," the fat boy is said to be in the pink. In the pink means a pair of pink pyjamas to cover his well trained figure as he lies in a hospital bed with the "flu" at this writing.

If fat Eddie gets out of the hospital in time Zivic is a "goner." Who ever heard of a fighter beating a manager? The manager always wins. To prove the point did you ever hear of a manager winding up punch-drunk, blind and talking in husky un-coordinated whispers? And can any fighter rival the guts of a manager like Eddie Mead who braving all decency sends his washed-up fighter to battle 15 murderous rounds with a punishing opponent?

In bed; or on the ring apron bawling vocally while Armstrong struggles furiously to win on Friday night the real guy to come through win or lose is pal Eddie. He gets his juicy cut of Henry's end of the purse. No one will lead him by the hand in years to come since there is no danger of his losing his sight. The cuts Eddie suffered making statements to the press when he handled Joe Lynch years ago have healed, and there is little chance that anything Zivic does to Armstrong will reopen these dreadful wounds on the rolling expanse of Mead's chin, cheek or nose.

If you want to be a real "expert," Lester, pick Meade to win via K.O. Eddie can't miss flattening his boy Henry Armstrong. Three years ago no one in the world within a range of fifteen pounds could have beaten Hank Armstrong. But that was three years ago. Henry is not really washed up in the same way that most great fighters were when they attempted to come back. Nevertheless the speed is gone; the easily opened cuts stand out too prominently; the amazing stamina is shy and the zest after holding three titles can't be too strong at this late date.

With all this I look for a new 147-pound champion to be crowned at the Garden on Friday. Three-quarters of the old Armstrong is too tough for the tough Zivic to whip. What Zivic won't be able to do, Henry's manager Eddie Mead will do. The crafty Mead figures to fight Armstrong for a year or two and rake the shekels in until the bitter end. The end for the fighter past his prime taking shellackings from bad boys on the way up is plenty bitter.

Dempsey before the Tunney fights dreaded blindness with an unshakable fear. Harry Greb was blind on one eye. Sam Langford went blind. James Kid lost his sight. Black Bill committed suicide due to blindness and worry. No need to go on. The alms-houses, prisons and insane asylums know all about punch-drunk and wrecked ex-pugs. Where is Eddie Mead steering this progressive, honest little Negro boxer whose name "Henry Armstrong" stands for the best boxing can show

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I'll Knock Him Out,' Says Fritz

Zivic Confident He'll
Take Armstrong
Again

"I'll knock out Armstrong this time," says Fritz Zivic confidently as he prepares for Friday night's defense of his welterweight title against the man from whom he took it on October 4th.

"I don't know much about how he's slipped or not. I only know that I beat the Armstrong I met and was pacing myself slowly at the time, and that I can knock that same fighter out this time."

Since that big night when he broke into the limelight in such startling fashion, Fritz Zivic has done all right for himself. Six weeks afterwards he met Al Davis in the overweight match that ended with the cutie pie from Brownsville being disqualified for a barrage of fouls in the second. But Fritz Zivic picked up a nice piece of change.

Eleven days later he knocked out local boy Ronnie Beaudine in Buffalo in three heats, and a month later took on Lew Jenkins, lightweight champ in the fight that ended in a draw. A natural 147-pounder, Zivic was weakened in that fight by the necessity of making 142 pounds.

But he's been cashing in on that title, the first won by his fighting family, and he doesn't expect to give it back to a fading Armstrong Friday night.

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There's nothing in the 1941 Philadelphia material to indicate that the A's are going any place this season. Connie Mack has done a bit of house-cleaning, getting rid of such players as Bill Lillard, Joe Gentenbien, Al Rubeling, Bill Nagle, George Caster, Ed Heusser, Eric Tipton and Daric Lodigiani, but his replacements aren't anything to write home about. In fact, it's doubtful if more than three or four of the new crop will add anything to his master control.

This enables me to attain an ambition I've held since the day I entered the coaching profession. I'm prepared to take over my new work immediately. I realize the great responsibility of the position I'm accepting and will devote every bit of my ability and energy toward showing that Ohio State's confidence in me has not been misplaced.

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Tomorrow: The Boston Red Sox.

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Morris Arnowich, outfielder recently purchased from the Cincinnati Reds, has forwarded his signed contract to the New York Giants and what has Eddie Brannick and staff worried is the lack of news about his local draft situation. . . . Arnowich has a low draft number and no dependents and the betting is even right now whether he reports to the spring training camp of the Giants or the United States Army.

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Watch Howard Kist, young St. Louis Cardinals' righthanded pitching prospect this year. . . . He's only 25 and is currently one of the best in the middleweight division, unless he had been holding back.

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Set Bill Brubaker. . . . He was informed of his sale to Rochester by the Pittsburgh Pirates while bowing one night recently and battered the pins for a 268 score and wound up with a 630 high for three games.

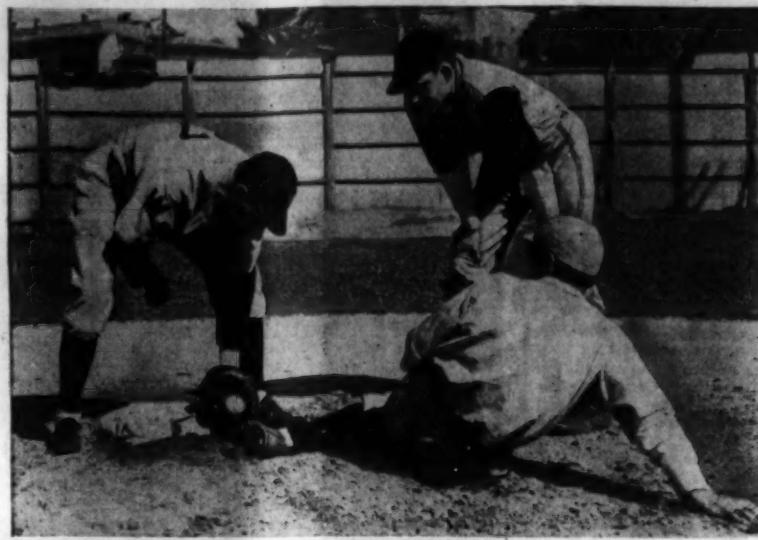
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It shouldn't be long before the St. Louis Browns swing a deal with the Washington Senators that ends in a trade for the 23-year-old righthander. . . . Hayes worked in 22 games for the Senators last year and won only three and lost six.

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It apparently takes more than a trip to the minor leagues to up-

AT AN EARLY BASEBALL SCHOOL



Ossie Bluege, veteran coach of the Washington Senators (baseball variety, not the "Ja" variety) shows Artie O'Priso and John Brodie, a couple of young hopefuls from New York, how to slide properly at a "baseball college" in Florida. Kids often scrap up tuition and hitch hike down to such schools. If they make good they may get connected with a minor league club.

A's Can Settle Down Hot Stove Sparks

Pitching Still Weak, Rookies from Class B Leagues
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The added responsibility will bring out the best in him which is good enough for the majors.

Herman Besse, who came up from Memphis last season highly-touted, is also expected to come around. He was the majors' worst pitcher last season, having the highest earned run average (.883) for pitchers who worked in as many as four innings. Jack Knott, who came to the A's from the White Sox in the Dario (CQ) Lodigiani deal, also is counted on in the pitching picture. Two other holdovers are Lee Ross, and Porter Vaughn, the rookie left-hander who should be a winner if he masters control.

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